

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new header and paragraph at page 1, line 1, after the title, "SYSTEM FOR RECOGNISING AND CLASSIFYING NAMED ENTITIES":

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National phase Application of International Application No. PCT/SG2003/000299, filed December 31, 2003, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in the present disclosure in their entirety.--